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SUBJ: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION

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1. FOLLOWING MORNING MEETING MARCH 21 (REFTEL) PROPPER, ET AL  
HELD SECOMD MEETING WITH MENA, MONTERO, PANTOJA AND SCHWEITZER  
IN AFTERNOON. SECOND MEETING WAS MORE EMOTIONAL THAN ANY PRE-  
CEDING AND WAS NOT PRODUCTIVE. GOC CONTINUES TO CLAIM THAT IT  
HAS MO KNOWLEDGE OF TOWNLEY'S WHEREABOUTS, AND, FURTHERMORE,  
THE USG IS NOT RECIPROCATING COOPERATION IMPLICIT IN THE  
FORCED RESIGNATION OF CONTRERAS -- I.E., BY PROVIDING ALL THE  
EVIDENCE ON THE LETELIER CASE WE POSSESS.

2. DEPUTY CNI DIRECTOR PANTOJA CALLED EMBASSY THIS MORNING  
TO SAY THAT ARMY OFFICERS WHO TRAVELLED ON OFFICIAL PASSPORTS  
AUGUST 21, RENE RIVEROS AND ROLANDO MOSQUEIRA,  
WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE JUDGE JUANA GONZALEZ TODAY. QUERIED BY  
ETCHEBERRY, GONZALEZ SAID THAT SCHWEITZER CAME TO SEE HER LAST  
NIGHT AND TOLD HER THAT THE GOC CONSIDERS THEIR APPEARANCE A  
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MATTER OF HIGH URGENCY. IF AND WHEN RIVEROS AND MOSQUEIRA  
ARE PRESENTED, WE PLAN TO HAVE ETCHEBERRY REQUEST GONZALEZ  
NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO ANSWER LETTERS DROGATORY ON GROUNDS  
THEY ARE NOT THE PERSONS FOR WHOM QUESTIONS DESIGNED.

3. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE GOC, HAVING DUMPED CONTRERAS  
AND CLAIMING INABILITY TO FIND TOWNLEY, IS NOW DETERMINED TO

BRING LETTERS ROGATORY REQUEST TO A SPEEDY CONCLUSION: IF POSSIBLE, WITH RIVEROS AND MOSQUEIRA ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS: IF WE BLOCK THAT, THEN SIMPLY BY PRODUCING FERNANDEZ. IN OUR VIEW TOWNLEY REMAINS THE KEY BOTH TO SUCCESS OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND TO JUDGMENT ON CHILEAN COOPERATION. WHILE HAVING MADE THIS CLEAR TO MENW, MONTERO AND COMPANY, IT IS NOW ESSENTIAL TO APPLY STRONG POLITICAL PRESSURE. ACCORDINGLY, THE AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAAAL THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL TELL HIM THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE COOPERATION THE GOC IS PROVIDING. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GOC CANNOT PRODUCE TOWNLEY IF IT WANTS TO. FURTHER MORE, THERE IS NO GOOD EVIDENCE THAT THE GOC HAS OR IS ENGAGED IN AN INTENSIVE SEARCH. UNLESS TOWNLEY IS PRODUCED, THE GOC'S REPEATED PROMISES OF COMPLETE COOPERATION ARE HOLLOW. WE WILL REPORT RESULTS OF THAT CONVERSATION BY SEPTTEL.

4. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, RUMORS AROUND TOWN THAT TOWNLEY IS DEAD, WHICH MAY SURFACE IN THE U.S. PRESS. WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT POSSIBILITY BUT WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT HEARD IT FROM ANY AUTHORITY SOURCE.

5. AS AN ASIDE, BUT IMPORTANT TO REPORT, MANUEL CONTRERAS, THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY, ATTEMPTED LAST NIGHT TO PAY A CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR AT HIS RESIDENCE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD NO REASON TO TALK TO CONTRERAS BUT WOULD BE IN HIS OFFICE TODAY IF CONTRERAS WISHED TO SEE HIM. CONTRERAS HAS NOT CALLED BACK.

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